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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I transmit herewith five copies of our memorandum, The Effectiveness of the Air Campaign Against North Vietnam, 1 January-30 September 1966, in response to your request.

The present memorandum presents comprehensive analyses of some subjects not covered in our preliminary report to you of 4 November. Among these are:

1. Third country attitudes toward the Rolling Thunder program;
2. A study of the expected consequences of mining the port of Haiphong;
3. A detailed reassessment of the interdiction aspects of the bombing programs against North Vietnam and Laos; and
4. A preliminary examination of North Vietnamese industry to determine the extent to which its evolution toward a war-supporting role may influence future target programs.

As you requested, we shall update our analysis at three-month intervals.

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and other senior officials as soon as you want them released. It would be appreciated if you would inform [redacted] who in turn will be in touch with appropriate officers in the Agency for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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